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**NATIONAL POLICE CHALLENGE 50K RELAY RACE TO BE HELD AT
SECRET SERVICE TRAINING CENTER
700 Runners Representing 18 Departments Participating**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, May 16, 2003, the United States Secret Service Employee Recreation Association will host the fourth annual National Police Challenge 50-Kilometer Relay Race (NPC-50) at the James J. Rowley Training Center in Laurel, Maryland. The race, held in conjunction with National Police Week, raises funds to benefit the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

This year, the official race starter will be Maryland Congressman Steny Hoyer. A strong proponent of the Secret Service and law enforcement, Congressman Hoyer's district encompasses the Rowley Training Center.

The NPC-50 relay competition promotes pride, physical fitness and camaraderie among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies from across the country. Each team competing in the event consists of ten law enforcement personnel who run the five-kilometer (3.1-mile) course one after the other, relay-style. Fifty-seven teams representing 18 agencies are registered to compete in this year's race.

The NPC-50 also raises funds for a cause that strikes at the heart of all law enforcement personnel: providing for the families of those who have died in the line of duty. All proceeds, after expenses, go directly to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization organized to assist the families of fallen officers. In the past four years, this event has generated more than \$100,000 for COPS.

2003 NPC-50 Participants

Arlington County Police Department (VA)
Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement
Dallas Police Department (TX)
DOD Office of Inspector General
Easton Police Department (MD)
Fairfax County Police Department (VA)
Howard County Police Department (MD)
Indiana State Police (IN)
Internal Revenue Service
Liaison Officers Association
Loudon County Sheriffs Department (VA)
Metropolitan Police Department (DC)
MNC Park Police – Prince Georges County Division (MD)

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Montgomery County Police (MD)
Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Prince Georges County Police (MD)
Prince William County Police (VA)
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The U.S.S.S. Employee Recreation Association coordinates the race on behalf of the law enforcement community. Additional information on the race is available on the internet at <http://www.secretservice.gov/npc50/>. Information on COPS is available at <http://www.nationalcops.org/>.

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